

Winter Weather Awareness Day November 18, 2009

The National Weather Service (NWS) along with the <u>Missouri State Emergency Management Agency</u> (SEMA), the <u>Department of Health and Senior Services</u>, the <u>Missouri Highway Patrol</u>, and the <u>State Fire Marshal</u>, has designated November 18, 2009 as Missouri Winter Weather Awareness Day. Winter storms and cold temperatures can be extremely dangerous. We urge people to use this day to review the hazards and safety rules of winter weather so they are prepared for the upcoming winter season.

We cannot stop winter storms and extreme cold, but we can save lives by being prepared. The NWS will transmit winter weather safety information on the NOAA Weather Wire Service and over NOAA Weather Radio during this day and during the week. <u>SEMA</u> will send out information to local emergency managers and public safety directors across the state.

Contact your local NWS office for interviews or additional information.

Office	Telephone	Internet
St. Louis, MO	636-441-8467	weather.gov/stlouis
Kanasas City, MO	816-540-6021	weather.gov/kansascity
Springfield, MO	417-869-4491	weather.gov/springfield
Paducah, KY	602-744-6424	weather.gov/paducah
Memphis, TN	901-544-0399	weather.gov/memphis
Davenport, IA	563-386-3976	Weather.gov/davenport

Record Low Temperatures			
City	Temperature	Date	
Columbia	-26	February 12, 1899	
Kansas City	-23	December 22,23 1989	
Springfield	-29	February 12, 1899	
St. Louis	-22	January 5, 1894	